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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 16, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before August 16, 2006. 37 CFR §§ 1.8 and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION: NONE.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS: begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 8 of this paper.